

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Janet Woolum, President

This has been a busy time for the Friends of the Library. Your Friends group celebrated National Library Week in style with a membership drive, book sales, and raffle that combined raised more than \$4,000 for upcoming programs. The membership drive brought in more than 30 new members giving us a total of nearly 300 members. The support from Friends members continues to make our library better and our community stronger during these most difficult budget times.

The Spring Book Sale was an enormous success this year (see related story). The Friends held a raffle during the sale for two literary gift baskets and raised more than \$130. The "I Love a Mystery" gift basket featuring four mystery novels was won by Lyle Starkey, and the "Romantic Evening" basket featuring four autographed romance novels was won by Renee Powell. Congratulations to our winners! The Friends of the Library also sponsored a booth at the 5th Annual Arizona Book Festival and participated in the valleywide promotion of OneBookAZ.

Money raised through memberships and other fundraising activities guarantee our continued commitment to funding the Children's Summer Reading program. More than 3,000 children participated last year in this countywide program. Our goal is to increase our support this year with additional funds to keep this great program going.

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Our on-going used book sales in the Melaine Corrao Book Corner contributes the majority of funds for our contributions. Your donations for our book sales are what make the sales so successful. You can drop your donations at the circulation desk or loading dock at the library or at any Friends of the Tempe Public Library donation boxes in Tempe located at Whole

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ABOVE THE STACKS

by Teri Metros,
Library Administrator

24/7 Telephone Renewal System Now Available

Library users will be glad to know that it's now easier than ever to renew materials, thanks to the Library's new 24 hour telephone renewal system. In addition to allowing you to renew items that you currently have on loan, the new system will also allow you to hear a list of all items you have on loan, hear a list of all overdue items that you have on loan, hear a list of all titles that you have on hold, and hear a list of all outstanding fees charged to your account. To use the telephone renewal system, call 480-350-5656 and follow the recorded instructions. You will need to have the 14-digit barcode number

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on your library card available, as well as the barcode numbers for the items that you wish to renew.

In addition to the new telephone renewal system, library users can also renew their items over the Internet via the Library's Millennium online catalog at <http://catalog.tempe.gov>. Just click on the tab labeled "My Millennium; log on with your name, PIN/password, and library card barcode number; and click the "Checked Out Items" button. If you do not have a PIN/password, the system will prompt you to create one. If you have forgotten your PIN, please contact the Check-Out Desk at 480-350-5577.

It is important to remember that neither the telephone renewal system nor the Millennium online system will allow you to renew an item if that item has been reserved by another library user or if it has already been renewed twice.

Library Overdue Fees to Increase

Effective June 2, 2003, the Library's standard overdue fee will increase to 25 cents per day. This change, the first since 1989, is being implemented with the approval of both the Library Advisory Board and the Tempe City Council. The Library Advisory Board recommended that standard overdue fee be increased when it became apparent that the current fee of 10 cents a day was

no longer an effective incentive to encourage library users to return their materials on time. A recent snapshot of the library's system revealed that nearly 12,000 items in the collection were three weeks overdue. During a time of limited budgets, rising costs for library materials, and increased usage, getting our materials back on time is more important than ever. The good news is that the Tempe Public Library continues to have the most generous standard loan period in the Valley. Most items can be checked out for 28 days and renewed twice if no one else is waiting for a specific item. Even better, our new telephone renewal system and the self-service features on the Library's online catalog make it easier than ever to renew materials and avoid overdue fees.

Self-Service Check-Out Returns

Much to the delight of both our users and library staff, three new self-service check-out units are now available for patron use. Two units are located on the main floor; one near the Check-Out Desk and one near the Reserved Items Pick-Up shelves. Another unit is located within the Youth Library. The new units will look familiar to many of our users as they were manufactured by the same firm that provided our first self-service check-out units. Users may select either English or



Spanish language prompts and the system guides them through the check-out process via colorful, easy to understand graphics. Unlike our old machines that would only check-out books, the new units can check-out all media types in the collection. Given the popularity of our audio-visual collections, this is a big improvement. If you haven't used self-service check-out in the past, we hope you will give it a try. Not only is it easy and fast, you can avoid those "traffic jams" at the Check-Out Desk during the Library's busy times.

A Special Thanks to the Friends

As the Library's fiscal year draws to a close, I especially want to thank the Friends members for your very generous support of the Library during the past year. The downturn in the economy has had an impact on all government operations, including the Library. Without the hard work of Friends members and your organization's financial support, many library programs would not have been possible. Thanks to you, we have one of the best children's summer reading programs in the Valley, a great range of quality adult programs and events, and we have been able to expand our outreach services into the most impoverished areas of the community. You have truly made a difference and we are so happy to have you as a partner in our efforts to provide quality services to Tempe library users.

DIVE INTO A GOOD BOOK

Kim Garza,
Collection Management Librarian

There are some great new reads for this summer, whether by the pool, or on the couch while being blasted by air conditioning. If all of these titles aren't for you, check out our website for more ideas. You can subscribe to **Chapter a Day** and get the first chapters of books emailed to you, or find read-alikes for your favorite authors on **Novelist**. For more information stop by the reference desk.



Andrews, Mary Kay. *Savannah Blues*. Fiction A5685SA

A delightful novel of divorce, revenge, and really great antiques follows Eloise "Weezie" Foley, an antiques picker, as she deals with a huge estate sale, eccentric relatives, a sexy ex-boyfriend, and her ex-husband and his new girlfriend, unexpectedly discovering that love is much better the second time around.

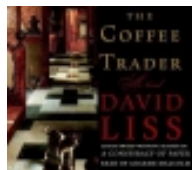
Buchan, Elizabeth. *Revenge of the Middle Aged Woman*. Fiction B91814RE

Rose Lloyd's world is shattered after 25 years of marriage when her husband walks out on her for her assistant. This is a wonderful novel of starting over, full of hope about the second half of life.



Cohen, Paula Marantz. *Jane Austen in Boca*. Fiction C678546J

This book is *Pride and Prejudice* in a Florida retirement community. It is a hilarious romp of Senior Citizens looking for new partners to spend their golden years with.



Liss, David. *The Coffee Trader*. Mystery L7722CF

The Edgar-winning author of *A Conspiracy of Paper* has written a historical mystery about cornering the Amsterdam market in coffee, the popular new drink of the late seventeenth century.

Siegel, James. *Derailed*. Fiction S57142DE

Married ad man Charles Schine gets much more than he bargained for when he becomes attracted to a beautiful woman on the train. This is one thriller that will keep you reading well into the night.



Slater, Harrison Gradwell. *Nightmusic*. Mystery S63127NI

First time novelist, and concert pianist Slater, writes a gripping story of a young Mozart academic who stumbles on a previously unknown diary of teenaged Mozart. There are many experts

who will stop at nothing to get their hands on this intriguing manuscript.

Smith, D. L. *Miracles of Santo Fico*. Fiction S64485MI

Returning to the Tuscan village of his childhood, Leo Pizzola is dismayed by changes in people who were once close to him, and in the wake of a local priest's spiritual crisis, Leo and his best friend stage a series of haphazard would-be miracles.

Spring Book Sale

Russell Harris

As in recent weeks our heads have turned to the sounds of bats on balls, so our thoughts of the Spring book sale began to fill our minds and preparations began to take place. So it was with a sense of completion that we watched the members of the Friends of the Tempe Public Library line up at the door on Saturday, April 12, to await the word that the sale was on!!! The members, along with the general public during the day, made this Spring's sale a success to the tune of \$3,587.32. Also, the public added \$322 in new memberships. Besides buying books and joining the ranks of Friends' members, the book sale participants, along with library patrons, purchased \$132 worth of raffle tickets for special books. In total, the impetus of the book sale accounted for a total of \$4,041.32. THANKS TO ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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Foods 5120 S. Rural Road (NW corner of Baseline and S. Rural Rd.), Basha's, 3115 S. McClintock Drive (NE Corner of McClintock and Southern), and Safeway (SW corner of McClintock and Elliot).

As the membership and fund-raising efforts continue to grow, your Board of Directors is planning for the future. The Board recently reviewed the by-laws and has recommended changes that we believe will benefit the organization in the future. We hope you will take time to consider the changes and provide input. We encourage you to get involved by attending programs sponsored by the Friends, participating our fund-raising events, and volunteering your time whenever possible. Our community is better for it!!

New Slate of Officers to be Voted Upon

Candidates for office of the Friends of the Tempe Public Library Board of Directors are:

President: Mark Bartlett
Vice President: Melaine Corrao
Secretary: Deborah Abston
Treasurer: Janet Woolum

The election will be held at the annual membership meeting on June 10, 2003.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ YOUR WAY to the BALLPARK!

Get Ready for the 2003 Summer Reading Program

Mark your calendar for June 2, 2003, the date when the Library's summer reading programs for children and teens will begin. Once again, the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Arizona Republic are serving as the sponsors of the children's program—*Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark*. They are joined by the Friends, who provide most of the financial support for the program, and Tempe in Motion, the City of Tempe's Transit program. Tempe Transit is providing a number of



free summer youth bus passes for program participants. Program. In order to participate, children must register at the library and receive a special reading log. By recording their daily reading activity, a child can earn special incentive prizes. One of the best things about the Summer Reading Program is the series of free fun programs held in the lower level program room. In addition, the very popular Starlight Planetarium program will be back again. The program ends on July 31st.

The Teen Summer Reading Program, *Great Books Make Great Movies*, is targeted to 7th through 12th grade students. By completing a special reading log, teens can earn some great prizes. This year's program is sponsored by Harkens Theaters, with support from Wildflower Bread Company, the Phoenix Mercury, Sonic Drive-Ins, and the Friends. The Teen program will end on July 26th.





Tempe Public Library



Calendar of Events

Summer 2003

Youth Library




Participants will receive a calendar of free programs upon registration in the Summer Reading Club. Most shows or activities are free and begin at 10:00 am in the lower level Program Room. No registration is required. Sorry, we cannot accommodate groups larger than 10 children.

Wednesday	June 4	Jolly Roger Magic Show
Monday	June 9	Bookbug!: Toddler Storytime: 9:30 and 10:30 am
Wednesday	June 11	Air Major Flying Dog Show
Monday	June 16	"Peter Rabbit" (Great Arizona Puppet Theater)
Wednesday	June 18	Treasure Box Craft
Monday	June 23	Dynomite Dinosaurs: Toddler Storytime: 9:30 and 10:30 am
Wednesday	June 25	<i>Don't Call me Pig!</i> and <i>Lizards for Lunch</i> (Author Conrad Storad)
Monday	June 30	Odessey the Clown
Wednesday	July 2	Double Play Flute and Tuba duo
Monday	July 7	Leapin' Lizards: Toddler Storytime: 9:30 and 10:30 am
Wednesday	July 9	Desert Animal Windsock Craft
Monday	July 14	"Cinderella" (Great Arizona Puppet Theater)
Wednesday	July 16	Reptile Adventures
Monday	July 21	Toot Toot Train: Toddler Storytime: 9:30 and 10:30 am
Wednesday	July 23	Craig Davis Magic & Juggling Showcase

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<http://www.tempe.gov/library>

-  Access search engines
-  Link to recommended Web sites
-  Find out about library programs, hours and much more.


Library Catalog

<http://catalog.tempe.gov>

-  Check library material availability
-  Renew library material and place holds (**My Millennium**)
-  View your borrowing record

Magazines & Newspapers

<http://www.tempe.gov/library/perdir.htm>

-  Search for full-text articles with your Tempe Public Library card number as a password.

Business Directories

<http://www.tempe.gov/library/libresource/electron.asp>

-  With Reference USA, search for detailed records on more than 12 million U.S. businesses and 120 million households.

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